

DAAS Administrative Letter No. 06-15

To: Area Agencies on Aging
County Departments of Social Services

Subject: Senior Companion Program


Date: November 3, 2006

I am writing to alert you to a change in the Federal Register regarding the Senior Companion Program. Our current standards for the program list 20 hours per week as the least number of hours that an individual may work as a Senior Companion, with the maximum work hours at 40 per week. A change in the federal regulations now limits the minimum work hours at 15 per week. The maximum work hours of 40 per week has not been changed.

We wanted to bring this change to your attention so that if any of the participants in your programs want to make adjustments in their work schedules you could help them with the change. Should you want to view the Federal Register site regarding this change, please go on-line to the Federal Register, Vol. 67, page 60998. I hope this information will help you in the operation of the Senior Companion Program if you currently have a program or choose to operate one at a future date.

If you have any questions regarding the Senior Companion Program or this notification in particular, please contact either Mary Jo Littlewood at MaryJo.Littlewood@ncmail.net, or Steve Freedman at Steve.Freedman@ncmail.net. Both can be reached at 919-733-0440, extensions 246 and 235 respectively.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dennis W. Streets". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dennis W. Streets, Director
NC Division of Aging and Adult Services